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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist. and SEN. SOMERS of the 18th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL AND WHITING FORENSIC HOSPITAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
- 2 to review and evaluate the duties and operations of the Department of
- 3 Mental Health and Addiction Services, including the operations,
- 4 conditions and finances of Connecticut Valley Hospital and Whiting
- 5 Forensic Hospital.
- 6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 7 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
- 8 one of whom shall hold a degree of a doctor of nursing practice or
- 9 doctor of nursing science and have experience in the provision of care
- 10 to veterans, and one of whom shall be a former or current union
- 11 member with a background in nursing and legislative experience;

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12 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who 13 shall be a forensic psychiatrist affiliated with The University of 14 Connecticut;

- 15 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of 16 Representatives, who shall be a former or current administrator of a 17 hospital with a bed capacity of at least two hundred;
- 18 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be 19 a patient advocate or a representative of a nonprofit organization that 20 provides behavioral health services;
- 21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of 22 Representatives, who shall be a former commissioner or deputy 23 commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction 24 Services or the Department of Public Health; and
- 25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall 26 have law enforcement or corrections experience or experience working 27 in a secured facility.
- 28 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subsection (b) of 29 this section may be a member of the General Assembly.
- (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
 filled by the appointing authority.
- 33 (e) The chairperson of the task force shall be selected from among its 34 members. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the task 35 force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective 36 date of this section.
- 37 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the 38 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public 39 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 40 (g) Not later than January 1, 2019, the task force shall submit a

41 preliminary report on its findings and recommendations to the joint 42 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of 43 matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of 44 section 11-4a of the general statutes. Not later than January 1, 2020, the 45 task force shall submit a final report on its findings and 46 recommendations to said joint standing committee. The task force shall 47 terminate on the date that it submits such final report or January 1, 48 2020, whichever is later.

- Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 19a-490 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 52 (a) "Institution" means a hospital, short-term hospital special 53 hospice, hospice inpatient facility, residential care home, nursing home 54 facility, home health care agency, homemaker-home health aide 55 agency, behavioral health facility, assisted living services agency, 56 substance abuse treatment facility, outpatient surgical facility, 57 outpatient clinic, an infirmary operated by an educational institution 58 for the care of students enrolled in, and faculty and employees of, such 59 institution; a facility engaged in providing services for the prevention, 60 diagnosis, treatment or care of human health conditions, including 61 facilities operated and maintained by any state agency; [, except 62 facilities for the care or treatment of mentally ill persons or persons 63 with substance abuse problems;] and a residential facility for persons 64 with intellectual disability licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 and 65 certified to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid program as an 66 intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disability. 67 "Institution" does not include any facility for the care and treatment of 68 persons with mental illness or substance use disorder operated or 69 maintained by any state agency, except Whiting Forensic Hospital;
 - Sec. 3. Subdivision (18) of subsection (b) of section 1-210 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 73 (18) Records, the disclosure of which the Commissioner of

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74 Correction, or as it applies to Whiting Forensic [Division facilities of

- 75 the Connecticut Valley] Hospital, the Commissioner of Mental Health
- and Addiction Services, has reasonable grounds to believe may result
- in a safety risk, including the risk of harm to any person or the risk of
- 78 an escape from, or a disorder in, a correctional institution or facility
- 79 under the supervision of the Department of Correction or Whiting
- 80 Forensic [Division facilities] Hospital. Such records shall include, but
- 81 are not limited to:
- 82 (A) Security manuals, including emergency plans contained or 83 referred to in such security manuals;
- 84 (B) Engineering and architectural drawings of correctional
- 85 institutions or facilities or Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital
- 86 facilities;
- 87 (C) Operational specifications of security systems utilized by the
- 88 Department of Correction at any correctional institution or facility or
- 89 Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital facilities, except that a general
- 90 description of any such security system and the cost and quality of
- 91 such system may be disclosed;
- 92 (D) Training manuals prepared for correctional institutions and
- 93 facilities or Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital facilities that
- 94 describe, in any manner, security procedures, emergency plans or
- 95 security equipment;
- 96 (E) Internal security audits of correctional institutions and facilities
- 97 or Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital facilities;
- 98 (F) Minutes or recordings of staff meetings of the Department of
- 99 Correction or Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital facilities, or
- 100 portions of such minutes or recordings, that contain or reveal
- 101 information relating to security or other records otherwise exempt
- from disclosure under this subdivision;
- 103 (G) Logs or other documents that contain information on the
- movement or assignment of inmates or staff at correctional institutions

- 105 or facilities; and
- 106 (H) Records that contain information on contacts between inmates, 107 as defined in section 18-84, and law enforcement officers;
- Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 1-210 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 111 (c) Whenever a public agency receives a request from any person 112 confined in a correctional institution or facility or a Whiting Forensic 113 [Division] Hospital facility, for disclosure of any public record under 114 the Freedom of Information Act, the public agency shall promptly 115 notify the Commissioner of Correction or the Commissioner of Mental 116 Health and Addiction Services in the case of a person confined in a 117 Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital facility of such request, in the 118 manner prescribed by the commissioner, before complying with the 119 request as required by the Freedom of Information Act. If the 120 commissioner believes the requested record is exempt from disclosure 121 pursuant to subdivision (18) of subsection (b) of this section, the 122 commissioner may withhold such record from such person when the 123 record is delivered to the person's correctional institution or facility or 124 Whiting Forensic [Division] <u>Hospital</u> facility.
- Sec. 5. Section 5-145a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 127 Any condition of impairment of health caused by hypertension or 128 heart disease resulting in total or partial disability or death to a 129 member of the security force or fire department of The University of 130 Connecticut or the aeronautics operations of the Department of 131 Transportation, or to a member of the Office of State Capitol Police or 132 any person appointed under section 29-18 as a special policeman for 133 the State Capitol building and grounds, the Legislative Office Building 134 and parking garage and related structures and facilities, and other 135 areas under the supervision and control of the Joint Committee on 136 Legislative Management, or to state personnel engaged in guard or

instructional duties in the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Somers, Connecticut Correctional Institution, Enfield-Medium, the Carl Robinson Correctional Institution, Enfield, John R. Manson Youth Institution, Cheshire, the York Correctional Institution, the Connecticut Correctional Center, Cheshire, or the community correctional centers, or to any employee of the Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital with direct and substantial patient contact, or to any detective, chief inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice or chief detective, or to any state employee designated as a hazardous duty employee pursuant to an applicable collective bargaining agreement who successfully passed a physical examination on entry into such service, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of such condition, shall be presumed to have been suffered in the performance of his duty and shall be compensable in accordance with the provisions of chapter 568, except that for the first three months of compensability the employee shall continue to receive the full salary which he was receiving at the time of injury in the manner provided by the provisions of section 5-142. Any such employee who began such service prior to June 28, 1985, and was not covered by the provisions of this section prior to said date shall not be required, for purposes of this section, to show proof that he successfully passed a physical examination on entry into such service.

Sec. 6. Section 5-173 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) A state policeman in the active service of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or any person who is engaged in guard or instructional duties at the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Somers, the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Enfield-Medium, the Carl Robinson Correctional Institution, Enfield, the John R. Manson Youth Institution, Cheshire, the York Correctional Institution, the Connecticut Correctional Center, Cheshire and the community correctional centers, or any person exempt from collective bargaining who is engaged in custodial or instructional duties within the Department of Correction,

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or any person who is an employee of the Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital with direct and substantial patient contact, or any person who is employed as a correctional counselor, correctional counselor supervisor, parole officer or parole supervisor or in a comparable job classification by the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or any member of tier I who has been designated as a hazardous duty member pursuant to an applicable collective bargaining agreement, who has reached his forty-seventh birthday and completed at least twenty years of hazardous duty service for the state or service as a state policeman or as guard or instructor at said correctional institutions or correctional centers, or service in a custodial or instructional position within the Department of Correction which is exempt from collective bargaining, or as an employee of the Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital or its predecessor institutions, or as a correctional counselor, correctional counselor supervisor, parole officer or parole supervisor or in a comparable job classification as an employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, shall be retired on his own application or on the application of the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection or the Commissioner of Correction, as the case may be.

(b) On or after October 1, 1982, each such person shall receive a monthly retirement income equal to one-twelfth of (1) fifty per cent of his base salary, as defined in subsection (b) of section 5-162, for such twenty years of service, plus (2) two per cent of his base salary for each year, taken to completed months, of Connecticut state service in excess of twenty years, except that any such person who is both a member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and a member of part B shall receive a permanently reduced retirement income upon reaching the age of sixty-five or, if earlier, upon receipt of Social Security disability benefits or, for any such state policeman, upon receipt of benefits under subsection (d) of section 5-142. Any such state police member shall have his monthly retirement income reduced by an amount equal to one-twelfth of one per cent of four thousand eight hundred dollars multiplied by the number of years of state service, taken to completed months.

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(c) Any such person who, while so employed, was granted military leave to enter the armed forces, as defined by section 27-103, and who, upon his discharge and within ninety days, returned to such service, shall be granted retirement credit for any period of service in time of war, as defined by said section, and for military service during a national emergency declared by the President of the United States on and after September 1, 1939, toward the required minimum of twenty [years] years' service; and any such person may be granted credit for any such war service prior to such employment upon payment of contributions and interest computed in accordance with subsection (b) of section 5-180, but such service shall not be counted toward the minimum service requirement of twenty years.

- (d) Any such person who, after retiring from hazardous duty as designated pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or from the Division of State Police or the employ of the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Somers, the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Enfield-Medium, the Carl Robinson Correctional Institution, Enfield, the John R. Manson Youth Institution, Cheshire, the York Correctional Institution, the Connecticut Correctional Center, Cheshire or a community correctional center, the Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital or the Board of Pardons and Paroles, as the case may be, is employed by any other state agency may elect to receive the retirement income to which he was entitled at the time of his retirement from such hazardous duty or as a state policeman or employee of the correctional institution or correctional center, forensic [division] hospital or Board of Pardons and Paroles when his employment in such other agency ceases, but he shall not, in that case, be entitled to any retirement income by reason of service in such other agency except as provided in subsection (g) of this section.
- (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any state policeman who serves as Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection and whose position as commissioner or deputy commissioner is terminated, abolished or eliminated for any reason or who otherwise leaves such

240 position and who has completed twenty years of service as a state

- 241 policeman but who has not reached his forty-seventh birthday, shall be
- 242 entitled to a retirement income, in accordance with subsection (b) of
- 243 this section.
- 244 (f) A member who has completed twenty years of hazardous duty
- 245 service under this section, but who leaves such service on or after
- October 1, 1982, but prior to reaching his forty-seventh birthday shall,
- 247 upon his own application be entitled to the benefits provided in
- 248 subsection (b) of this section at any time after reaching his forty-
- seventh birthday.
- 250 (g) On and after October 1, 1982, an employee who has met the
- 251 twenty-year minimum service requirement and is thus eligible for
- 252 benefits under this section shall have any other Connecticut state
- 253 employment recognized in calculating the amount of his benefits.
- Sec. 7. Subsection (d) of section 5-192f of the general statutes is
- 255 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 256 passage):
- (d) "Hazardous duty member" means a member who is a state
- 258 policeman in the active service of the Division of State Police within
- 259 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, who is
- 260 engaged in guard or instructional duties at the Connecticut
- 261 Correctional Institution, Somers, the Connecticut Correctional 262 Institution, Enfield-Medium, the Carl Robinson Correctional
- 263 Institution, Enfield, the John R. Manson Youth Institution, Cheshire
- Institution, Enfield, the John R. Manson Youth Institution, Cheshire,
- the York Correctional Institution, the Connecticut Correctional Center,
- 265 Cheshire or the community correctional centers, who is an employee of 266 the Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital or its predecessor institutions
- 267 with direct and substantial patient contact, who is a detective, chief
- 268 inspector or inspector in the Division of Criminal Justice or chief
- 269 detective, who is employed as a correctional counselor, correctional
- 270 counselor supervisor, parole officer or parole supervisor or in a
- 271 comparable job classification by the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or
- 272 who has been designated as a hazardous duty member pursuant to the

terms of a collective bargaining agreement.

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Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 17a-450 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) For the purposes of chapter 48, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall be organized to promote comprehensive, client-based services in the areas of mental health treatment and substance abuse treatment and to ensure the programmatic integrity and clinical identity of services in each area. The department shall perform the functions of: Centralized administration, planning and program development; prevention and treatment programs and facilities, both inpatient and outpatient, for persons with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance use disorders, or both; community mental health centers and community or regional programs and facilities providing services for persons with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance use disorders, or both; training and education; and research and evaluation of programs and facilities providing services for persons with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance use disorders, or both. The department shall include, but not be limited to, the following divisions and facilities or their successor facilities: The office of the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Capitol Region Mental Health Center; Connecticut Valley Hospital, including the Addictions Division [, the Whiting Forensic Division and the General Psychiatric Division of Connecticut Valley Hospital; the Whiting Forensic Hospital; the Connecticut Mental Health Center; Ribicoff Research Center; the Southwest Connecticut Mental Health System, including the Franklin S. DuBois Center and the Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center; the Southeastern Mental Health Authority; River Valley Services; the Western Connecticut Mental Health Network; and any other state-operated facility for the treatment of persons with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance use disorders, or both, but shall not include those portions of such facilities transferred to the Department of Children and Families for the purpose of

- 307 consolidation of children's services.
- Sec. 9. Subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 17a-450 of the
- 309 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 310 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 311 (3) Work with public or private agencies, organizations, facilities or
- 312 individuals to ensure the operation of the programs set forth in
- 313 accordance with sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-
- 314 484, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as
- 315 <u>amended by this act,</u> 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576]
- 316 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-580 to 17a-603,
- 317 inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive;
- Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 17a-450a of the general statutes is
- 319 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 320 passage):
- 321 (a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
- 322 constitute a successor department to the Department of Mental Health.
- 323 Whenever the words "Commissioner of Mental Health" are used or
- referred to in the following general statutes, the words "Commissioner
- of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be substituted in lieu
- 326 thereof and whenever the words "Department of Mental Health" are
- 327 used or referred to in the following general statutes, the words
- 328 "Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be
- 329 substituted in lieu thereof: 4-5, 4-38c, 4-77a, 4a-12, 4a-16, 5-142, 8-206d,
- 330 10-19, 10-71, 10-76d, 17a-14, 17a-26, 17a-31, 17a-33, 17a-218, 17a-246,
- 331 17a-450, as amended by this act, 17a-451, 17a-453, 17a-454, 17a-455,
- 332 17a-456, 17a-457, 17a-458, as amended by this act, 17a-459, 17a-460,
- 333 17a-464, 17a-465, 17a-466, 17a-467, 17a-468, 17a-470, as amended by
- 334 this act, 17a-471, 17a-472, as amended by this act, 17a-473, 17a-474, 17a-
- 335 476, 17a-478, 17a-479, 17a-480, 17a-481, 17a-482, 17a-483, 17a-484, 17a-
- 336 498, 17a-499, 17a-502, 17a-506, 17a-510, 17a-511, 17a-512, 17a-513, 17a-
- 337 519, 17a-528, 17a-560, as amended by this act, 17a-561, as amended by
- 338 this act, 17a-562, as amended by this act, 17a-565, [17a-576,] as
- 339 amended by this act, 17a-581, 17a-582, 17a-675, 17b-28, 17b-59a, 17b-

340 222, 17b-223, 17b-225, 17b-359, 17b-694, 19a-82, 19a-495, 19a-498, 19a-

- 341 507a, 19a-507c, 19a-576, 19a-583, 20-14i, 20-14j, 21a-240, 21a-301, 27-
- 342 122a, 31-222, 38a-514, 46a-28, 51-51o, 52-146h and 54-56d.
- Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 17a-458 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
- 345 passage):
- 346 (c) "State-operated facilities" means those hospitals or other facilities
- 347 providing treatment for persons with psychiatric disabilities or for
- 348 persons with substance use disorders, or both, which are operated in
- 349 whole or in part by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
- 350 Services. Such facilities include, but are not limited to, the Capitol
- 351 Region Mental Health Center, the Connecticut Valley Hospital,
- 352 including the Addictions Division [, the Whiting Forensic Division]
- 353 and the General Psychiatric Division of Connecticut Valley Hospital,
- 354 <u>the Whiting Forensic Hospital</u>, the Connecticut Mental Health Center,
- 355 the Franklin S. DuBois Center, the Greater Bridgeport Community
- 356 Mental Health Center and River Valley Services.
- Sec. 12. Section 17a-470 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Each state hospital, state-operated facility or the Whiting Forensic
- 360 [Division of the Connecticut Valley] Hospital for the treatment of
- 361 persons with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance use
- 362 disorders, or both, except the Connecticut Mental Health Center, may
- 363 have an advisory board appointed by the superintendent or director of
- 364 the facility for terms to be decided by such superintendent or director.
- 365 In any case where the present number of members of an advisory
- 366 board is less than the number of members designated by the
- 367 superintendent or director of the facility, he shall appoint additional
- members to such board in accordance with this section in such manner
- 369 that the terms of an approximately equal number of members shall
- expire in each odd-numbered year. The superintendent or director
- 371 shall fill any vacancy that may occur for the unexpired portion of any
- 372 term. No member may serve more than two successive terms plus the

balance of any unexpired term to which he had been appointed. The superintendent or director of the facility shall be an ex-officio member of the advisory board. Each member of an advisory board of a state-operated facility within the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services assigned a geographical territory shall be a resident of the assigned geographical territory. Members of said advisory boards shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses involved in the performance of their duties. At least one-third of such members shall be from a substance abuse subregional planning and action council established pursuant to section 17a-671, and at least one-third shall be members of the catchment area councils, as provided in section 17a-483, for the catchment areas served by such facility, except that members serving as of October 1, 1977, shall serve out their terms.

- Sec. 13. Section 17a-471a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- (a) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in consultation and coordination with the advisory council established under subsection (b) of this section, shall develop policies and set standards related to clients residing on the Connecticut Valley Hospital campus and to the discharge of such clients from the hospital into the adjacent community. Any such policies and standards shall assure that no discharge of any client admitted to Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital under commitment by the Superior Court or transfer from the Department of Correction shall take place without full compliance with sections 17a-511 to 17a-524, inclusive, 17a-566 to 17a-575, inclusive, 17a-580 to 17a-603, inclusive, and 54-56d.
 - (b) There is established a Connecticut Valley Hospital Advisory Council that shall advise the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services on policies concerning, but not limited to, building use, security, clients residing on the campus and the discharge of clients from the [campuses] <u>campus</u> into the adjacent community. In addition, the advisory council shall periodically review the

implementation of the policies and standards established by the commissioner in consultation with the advisory council. The council shall be composed of six members appointed by the mayor of Middletown, six members appointed by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and one member who shall serve as chairperson appointed by the Governor.

- Sec. 14. Section 17a-472 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 414 Except as otherwise provided, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall appoint and remove 415 416 superintendents and directors of state-operated facilities and divisions 417 constituting the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, 418 and (2) the director of the Whiting Forensic [Division of Connecticut 419 Valley Hospital, who shall report to the [director of forensic services] 420 <u>commissioner</u> and shall have as [his] <u>such director's</u> sole responsibility 421 the administration of the Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital. Each 422 superintendent or director shall be a qualified person with experience 423 in health, hospital or mental health administration.
- Sec. 15. Section 17a-495 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) For the purposes of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, the following terms shall have the following meanings: "Business day" means Monday to Friday, inclusive, except when a legal holiday falls on any such day; "hospital for psychiatric disabilities" means any public or private hospital, retreat, institution, house or place in which any mentally ill person is received or detained as a patient, but shall not include any correctional institution of this state; "mentally ill person" means any person who has a mental or emotional condition which has substantial adverse effects on his or her ability to function and who requires care and treatment, and specifically excludes a person who is an alcohol-dependent person or a drug-dependent person, as defined in section 17a-680; "patient" means any person detained and taken care of as a mentally ill person; "keeper

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of a hospital for psychiatric disabilities" means any person, body of persons or corporation which has the immediate superintendence, management and control of a hospital for psychiatric disabilities and the patients therein; "support" includes all necessary food, clothing and medicine and all general expenses of maintaining state hospitals for persons with psychiatric disabilities; "indigent person" means any person who has an estate insufficient, in the judgment of the Court of Probate, to provide for his or her support and has no person or persons legally liable who are able to support him or her; "dangerous to himself or herself or others" means there is a substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon his or her own person or upon another person, and "gravely disabled" means that a person, as a result of mental or emotional impairment, is in danger of serious harm as a result of an inability or failure to provide for his or her own basic human needs such as essential food, clothing, shelter or safety and that hospital treatment is necessary and available and that such person is mentally incapable of determining whether or not to accept such treatment because his judgment is impaired by his psychiatric disabilities. "Respondent" means a person who is alleged to be mentally ill and for whom an application for commitment to a hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities has been filed; "voluntary patient" means any patient sixteen years of age or older who applies in writing to and is admitted to a hospital for psychiatric disabilities as a mentally ill person or any patient under sixteen years of age whose parent or legal guardian applies in writing to such hospital for admission of such patient; "involuntary patient" means any patient hospitalized pursuant to an order of a judge of the Probate Court after an appropriate hearing or a patient hospitalized for emergency diagnosis, observation or treatment upon certification of a qualified physician.

(b) For the purposes of this section, sections 17a-450 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this act, [17a-495] 17a-496 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, and 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings: "Business day"

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appropriate hearing or a patient hospitalized for emergency diagnosis,observation or treatment upon certification of a qualified physician.

- (c) For the purposes of this section and sections [17a-495] 17a-496 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, "person with psychiatric disabilities" means any person who has a mental or emotional condition which has substantial adverse effects on his or her ability to function and who requires care and treatment, and specifically excludes a person who is an alcohol-dependent person or a drugdependent person, as defined in section 17a-680.
- 518 (d) For the purposes of sections 17a-453, [to] 17a-454, [inclusive,] 519 17a-456, 17a-458 to 17a-464, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-466 520 to 17a-469, inclusive, 17a-471, 17a-474, 17a-476 to 17a-484, inclusive, 521 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] <u>17a-575</u>, inclusive, <u>as</u> 522 amended by this act, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, "person with 523 psychiatric disabilities" means any person who has a mental or 524 emotional condition which has substantial adverse effects on his or her 525 ability to function and who requires care and treatment, and 526 specifically includes a person who is an alcohol-dependent person or a 527 drug-dependent person, as defined in section 17a-680.
- Sec. 16. Section 17a-496 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 530 Any keeper of a hospital for psychiatric disabilities who wilfully 531 violates any of the provisions of this section, sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, 532 inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this act, [17a-533 495] 17a-497 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 534 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as amended 535 by this act, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, shall be fined not more 536 than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year or 537 both.
- Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 17a-497 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Upon the motion of any respondent or his or her counsel, or the probate judge having jurisdiction over such application, filed not later than three days prior to any hearing scheduled on such application, the Probate Court Administrator shall appoint a three-judge court from among the probate judges to hear such application. The judge of the Probate Court having jurisdiction over such application under the provisions of this section shall be a member, provided such judge may disqualify himself in which case all three members of such court shall be appointed by the Probate Court Administrator. Such three-judge court when convened shall have all the powers and duties set forth under sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and shall be subject to all of the provisions of law as if it were a singlejudge court. No such respondent shall be involuntarily confined without the vote of at least two of the three judges convened hereunder. The judges of such court shall designate a chief judge from among their members. All records for any case before the three-judge court shall be maintained in the Probate Court having jurisdiction over the matter as if the three-judge court had not been appointed.

Sec. 18. Subsection (g) of section 17a-498 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(g) The hospital shall notify each patient at least annually that such patient has a right to a further hearing pursuant to this section. If the patient requests such hearing, it shall be held by the Probate Court for the district in which the hospital is located. Any such request shall be immediately filed with the appropriate court by the hospital. After such request is filed with the Probate Court, it shall proceed in the manner provided in subsections (a), (b), (c) and (f) of this section. In addition, the hospital shall furnish the Probate Court for the district in which the hospital is located on a monthly basis with a list of all patients confined in the hospital involuntarily without release for one

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year since the last annual review under this section of the patient's commitment or since the original commitment. The hospital shall include in such notification the type of review the patient last received. If the patient's last annual review had a hearing, the Probate Court shall, within fifteen business days thereafter, appoint an impartial physician who is a psychiatrist from the list provided by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services as set forth in subsection (c) of this section and not connected with the hospital in which the patient is confined or related by blood or marriage to the original applicant or to the respondent, which physician shall see and examine each such patient within fifteen business days after such physician's appointment and make a report forthwith to such court of the condition of the patient on forms provided by the Probate Court Administrator. If the Probate Court concludes that the confinement of any such patient should be reviewed by such court for possible release of the patient, the court, on its own motion, shall proceed in the manner provided in subsections (a), (b), (c) and (f) of this section, except that the examining physician shall be considered one of the physicians required by subsection (c) of this section. If the patient's last annual review did not result in a hearing, and in any event at least every two years, the Probate Court shall, within fifteen business days, proceed with a hearing in the manner provided in subsections (a), (b), (c) and (f) of this section. All costs and expenses, including Probate Court entry fees provided by statute, in conjunction with the annual psychiatric review and the judicial review under this subsection, except costs for physicians appointed pursuant to this subsection, shall be established by, and paid from funds appropriated to, the Judicial Department, except that if funds have not been included in the budget of the Judicial Department for such costs and expenses, such payment shall be made from the Probate Court Administration Fund. Compensation of any physician appointed to conduct the annual psychiatric review, to examine a patient for any hearing held as a result of such annual review or for any other biennial hearing required pursuant to sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as

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- 611 <u>17a-575</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and 17a-615 to 17a-618,
- 612 inclusive, shall be paid by the state from funds appropriated to the
- Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in accordance
- 614 with rates established by the Department of Mental Health and
- 615 Addiction Services.
- Sec. 19. Section 17a-499 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- All proceedings of the Probate Court, upon application made under
- the provisions of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-
- 484, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act,</u> 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, <u>as</u>
- amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576]
- 622 <u>17a-575</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and 17a-615 to 17a-618,
- 623 inclusive, shall be in writing and filed in such court, and, whenever a
- 624 court passes an order for the admission of any person to any state
- hospital for psychiatric disabilities, the court shall record the order and
- 626 give a certified copy of such order and of the reports of the physicians
- 627 to the person by whom such person is to be taken to the hospital, as
- the warrant for such taking and commitment, and shall also forthwith
- 629 transmit a like copy to the Commissioner of Mental Health and 630 Addiction Services, and, in the case of a person in the custody of the
- 631 Commissioner of Correction, to the Commissioner of Correction.
- Whenever a court passes an order for the commitment of any person to
- any hospital for psychiatric disabilities, it shall, within three business
- 634 days, provide the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
- 635 Services with access to identifying information including, but not
- limited to, name, address, sex, date of birth and date of commitment
- on all commitments ordered on and after June 1, 1998. All commitment
- applications, orders of commitment and commitment papers issued by
- any court in committing persons with psychiatric disabilities to public
- or private hospitals for psychiatric disabilities shall be in accordance
- 641 with a form prescribed by the Probate Court Administrator, which
- 642 form shall be uniform throughout the state. State hospitals and other
- 643 hospitals for persons with psychiatric disabilities shall, so far as they

644 are able, upon reasonable request of any officer of a court having the 645 power of commitment, send one or more trained attendants or nurses 646 to attend any hearing concerning the commitment of any person with 647 psychiatric disabilities and any such attendant or nurse, when present, 648 shall be designated by the court as the authority to serve commitment 649 process issued under the provisions of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, 650 inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 651 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, 652 inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this 653 act, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive.

- Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 17a-500 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 657 (a) Each court of probate shall keep a record of the cases relating to 658 persons with psychiatric disabilities coming before it under sections 659 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-660 540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as 661 662 amended by this act, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and the 663 disposition of them. It shall also keep on file the original application 664 and certificate of physicians required by said sections, or a microfilm 665 duplicate of such records in accordance with regulations issued by the 666 Probate Court Administrator. All records maintained in the courts of 667 probate under the provisions of said sections shall be sealed and 668 available only to the respondent or his or her counsel unless the Court 669 of Probate, after hearing held with notice to the respondent, 670 determines such records should be disclosed for cause shown.
- Sec. 21. Section 17a-501 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Any person with psychiatric disabilities, the expense of whose support is paid by himself or by another person, may be committed to any institution for the care of persons with psychiatric disabilities designated by the person paying for such support; and any indigent

677 person with psychiatric disabilities, not a pauper, committed under the 678 provisions of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-484, 679 inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as 680 amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 681 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, 682 inclusive, shall be committed to any state hospital for psychiatric 683 disabilities which is equipped to receive him, at the discretion of the 684 Court of Probate, upon consideration of a request made by the person 685 applying for such commitment.

Sec. 22. Section 17a-504 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

688 Any person who wilfully and maliciously causes, or attempts to 689 cause, or who conspires with any other person to cause, any person 690 who does not have psychiatric disabilities to be committed to any 691 hospital for psychiatric disabilities, and any person who wilfully 692 certifies falsely to the psychiatric disabilities of any person in any 693 certificate provided for in sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 694 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, 695 inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 696 to [17a-576] <u>17a-575</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and 17a-615 to 697 17a-618, inclusive, and any person who, under the provisions of said 698 sections relating to persons with psychiatric disabilities, wilfully 699 reports falsely to any court or judge that any person has psychiatric 700 disabilities, shall be guilty of a class D felony.

Sec. 23. Section 17a-505 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

When any female with psychiatric disabilities is escorted to a state hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities by a male guard, attendant or other employee of a correctional or reformatory institution, or by a male law enforcement officer, under the provisions of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575,

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710 inclusive, as amended by this act, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, the

- 711 person so escorting her shall be accompanied by an adult member of
- 712 her family or at least one woman.
- Sec. 24. Section 17a-517 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 714 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 715 [If any] Any person in the custody of the Commissioner of
- 716 Correction who is brought to a hospital pursuant to the provisions of
- 717 sections 17a-499, as amended by this act, 17a-509, 17a-512 to [17a-517]
- 718 17a-516, inclusive, 17a-520, 17a-521, [and] as amended by this act, or
- 719 54-56d [is a desperate or dangerous individual, such person] shall be
- hospitalized in the Whiting Forensic [Division] <u>Hospital</u>. If the Whiting
- 721 Forensic [Division] Hospital is unable to accommodate such transfer,
- 722 then such person shall remain in the custody of the commissioner at a
- 723 correctional institution, there confined under appropriate care and
- 724 supervision. Under no circumstances shall an inmate with psychiatric
- 725 disabilities requiring maximum security conditions be placed in a state
- hospital for persons with psychiatric disabilities which does not have
- 727 the facilities and trained personnel to provide appropriate care and
- 728 supervision for such individuals.
- Sec. 25. Section 17a-519 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 730 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Each officer or indifferent person making legal service of any order,
- notice, warrant or other paper under the provisions of sections 17a-75
- 733 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this
- 734 <u>act,</u> 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act,</u> 17a-540 to
- 735 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] <u>17a-575</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended</u>
- by this act, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, shall be entitled to the
- same compensation as is by law provided for like services in civil
- causes. Physicians, for examining a person alleged to have psychiatric
- disabilities and making a certificate as provided by said sections, shall
- 740 be entitled to a reasonable compensation established by the
- 741 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The fees of
- 742 the courts of probate shall be such as are provided by law for similar

services. The Superior Court, on an appeal, may tax costs at its discretion.

Sec. 26. Section 17a-521 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the superintendent [or keeper] of any institution used wholly or in part for the care of persons with psychiatric disabilities or the director of the Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital may, under such provisions or agreements as [he] the director deems advisable for psychiatric supervision, permit any patient of the institution under [his] the director's charge temporarily to leave such institution, in charge of his guardian, relatives or friends, or by himself or herself. A person confined to a hospital for psychiatric disabilities under the provisions of section 17a-584 may leave the hospital temporarily as provided under the provisions of section 17a-587. In the case of committed persons, the original order of commitment shall remain in force and effect during absence from the institution either on authorized or unauthorized leave until such patient is officially discharged by the authorities of such institution or such order is superseded by a court of competent jurisdiction. In the case of a patient on authorized leave, if it appears to be for the best interest of the public or for the interest and benefit of such patient, [he] the patient may return or be returned by [his] the patient's guardian, relatives or friends or [he] the patient may be recalled by the authorities of such institution, at any time during such temporary absence and prior to [his] the patient's official discharge. With respect both to patients on authorized and unauthorized leave, state or local police shall, on the request of the authorities of any such institution, assist in the rehospitalization of any patient on temporary leave or of any other patient committed to such institution by a court of competent jurisdiction or any person who is a patient under the provisions of section 17a-502, if, in the opinion of such authorities, the patient's condition warrants such assistance. The expense, if any, of such recall or return shall, in the case of an indigent, be paid by those responsible for [his] the patient's support or, in the case of a pauper, by

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the state. Leave under this section shall not be available to any person

- 778 who is under a term of imprisonment or who has not met the
- 779 requirements of the condition of release set to provide reasonable
- assurance of such person's appearance in court.
- Sec. 27. Section 17a-525 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Any person aggrieved by an order, denial or decree of a Probate Court under sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to 17a-484, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, including any relative or friend, on behalf of any person
- found to have psychiatric disabilities, shall have the right of appeal in
- accordance with sections 45a-186 to 45a-193, inclusive. On the trial of
- an appeal, the Superior Court may require the state's attorney or, in the
- state's attorney's absence, some other practicing attorney of the court to
- 793 be present for the protection of the interests of the state and of the
- 794 public.
- 795 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 17a-528 of the general statutes is
- 796 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 797 passage):
- 798 (a) When any person is found to have psychiatric disabilities, and is
- 799 committed to a state hospital for psychiatric disabilities, upon
- 800 proceedings had under sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-450 to
- 801 17a-484, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act,</u> 17a-495 to 17a-528,
- inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560
- 803 to [17a-576] <u>17a-575</u>, inclusive, <u>as amended by this act</u>, and 17a-615 to
- 804 17a-618, inclusive, all fees and expenses incurred upon the probate
- commitment proceedings, payment of which is not otherwise provided
- for under said sections, shall be paid by the state within available
- 807 appropriations from funds appropriated to the Department of Mental
- Health and Addiction Services in accordance with rates established by
- 809 said department; and, if such person is found not to have psychiatric

disabilities, such fees and expenses shall be paid by the applicant.

- Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 17a-548 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 814 (a) Any patient shall be permitted to wear his or her own clothes; to 815 keep and use personal possessions including toilet articles; [except for 816 patients hospitalized in Whiting Forensic Division;] to be present 817 during any search of his or her personal possessions, except a patient 818 hospitalized in the maximum security service of Whiting Forensic 819 Hospital; to have access to individual storage space for such 820 possessions; and in such manner as determined by the facility to spend 821 a reasonable sum of his or her own money for canteen expenses and 822 small purchases. These rights shall be denied only if the 823 superintendent, director [,] or his or her authorized representative 824 determines that it is medically harmful to the patient to exercise such 825 rights. An explanation of such denial shall be placed in the patient's 826 permanent clinical record.
- Sec. 30. Section 17a-560 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 829 As used in sections 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as 830 amended by this act, unless specifically provided otherwise, 831 ["division",] "hospital" means the Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital, 832 including the diagnostic unit established under the provisions of 833 section 17a-562, as amended by this act, or any other facility of the 834 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services which the 835 commissioner may designate as appropriate. The words ["institute"] 836 "hospital" or "diagnostic unit", as used in sections 17a-566, as amended 837 by this act, 17a-567, as amended by this act, 17a-570, as amended by 838 this act, and [17a-576] 17a-575, as amended by this act, when applied to 839 children or youths under the age of eighteen, mean any facility of the 840 Department of Children and Families designated by the Commissioner 841 of Children and Families. "Board" means the advisory and review 842 board appointed under the provisions of section 17a-565, as amended

843 <u>by this act.</u> "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Mental Health

- and Addiction Services or in the case of children, the Commissioner of
- 845 Children and Families.
- Sec. 31. Section 17a-561 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 848 The Whiting Forensic [Division of the Connecticut Valley] Hospital 849 shall exist for the care and treatment of (1) patients with psychiatric 850 disabilities, confined in facilities under the control of the Department 851 of Mental Health and Addiction Services, including persons who 852 require care and treatment under maximum security conditions, (2) 853 persons convicted of any offense enumerated in section 17a-566, as 854 amended by this act, who, after examination by the staff of the 855 diagnostic unit of the [division] hospital as herein provided, are 856 determined to have psychiatric disabilities and be dangerous to 857 themselves or others and to require custody, care and treatment at the 858 [division and] hospital, (3) inmates in the custody of the Commissioner 859 of Correction who are transferred in accordance with sections 17a-512 860 to 17a-517, inclusive, as amended by this act, and who require custody, 861 care and treatment at the [division] hospital, and (4) persons 862 committed to the hospital pursuant to section 17a-582 or 54-56d.
- Sec. 32. Section 17a-562 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - The Whiting Forensic [Division of the Connecticut Valley] Hospital shall be within the general administrative control and supervision of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The director, with the approval of the commissioner and the board, shall establish such [subdivisions] <u>divisions</u>, which may be located geographically separate from the [division] <u>hospital</u>, as may be deemed proper for the administrative control and the efficient operation thereof, one of which [subdivisions] <u>divisions</u> shall be the diagnostic unit.
- Sec. 33. Section 17a-564 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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The director of the Whiting Forensic [Division] <u>Hospital</u> shall quarterly make a report to the Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services on the affairs of the [division] <u>hospital</u>, including reports of reexaminations and recommendations.

Sec. 34. Section 17a-565 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

There shall be an advisory board for [the division] Whiting Forensic Hospital, constituted as follows: The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, three physicians licensed to practice in this state, two of whom shall be psychiatrists, two attorneys of this state, at least one of whom shall be in active practice and have at least five years' experience in the trial of criminal cases, one licensed psychologist with experience in clinical psychology, one licensed clinical social worker, and one person actively engaged in business who shall have at least ten years' experience in business management. Annually, on October first, the Governor shall appoint a member or members to replace those whose terms expire for terms of five years each. The board shall elect a chairman and a secretary, who shall keep full and accurate minutes of its meetings and preserve the same. The board shall meet at the call of the chairman at least quarterly. Members of the board shall receive no compensation for their duties as such but shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the course of their duties. Said board shall confer with the staff of the [division] hospital and give general consultative and advisory services on problems and matters relating to its work. On any matter relating to the work of the [division] hospital, the board may also confer with the warden or superintendent of the affected Connecticut correctional institution.

- Sec. 35. Section 17a-566 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 905 (a) Except as provided in section 17a-574, as amended by this act, 906 any court prior to sentencing a person convicted of an offense for 907 which the penalty may be imprisonment in the Connecticut

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Correctional Institution at Somers, or of a sex offense involving (1) physical force or violence, (2) disparity of age between an adult and a minor or (3) a sexual act of a compulsive or repetitive nature, may if it appears to the court that such person has psychiatric disabilities and is dangerous to himself or others, upon its own motion or upon request of any of the persons enumerated in subsection (b) of this section and a subsequent finding that such request is justified, order the commissioner to conduct an examination of the convicted defendant by qualified personnel of the [division] hospital. Upon completion of such examination the examiner shall report in writing to the court. Such report shall indicate whether the convicted defendant should be committed to the diagnostic unit of the [division] hospital for additional examination or should be sentenced in accordance with the conviction. Such examination shall be conducted and the report made to the court not later than fifteen days after the order for the examination. Such examination may be conducted at a correctional facility if the defendant is confined or it may be conducted on an outpatient basis at the [division] hospital or other appropriate location. If the report recommends additional examination at the diagnostic unit, the court may, after a hearing, order the convicted defendant committed to the diagnostic unit of the [division] hospital for a period not to exceed sixty days, except as provided in section 17a-567, as amended by this act, provided the hearing may be waived by the defendant. Such commitment shall not be effective until the director certifies to the court that space is available at the diagnostic unit. While confined in said diagnostic unit, the defendant shall be given a complete physical and psychiatric examination by the staff of the unit and may receive medication and treatment without his consent. The director shall have authority to procure all court records, institutional records and probation or other reports which provide information about the defendant.

(b) The request for such examination may be made by the state's attorney or assistant state's attorney who prosecuted the defendant for an offense specified in this section, or by the defendant or his attorney in his behalf. If the court orders such examination, a copy of the

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943 examination order shall be served upon the defendant to be examined.

- (c) Upon completion of the physical and psychiatric examination of the defendant, but not later than sixty days after admission to the diagnostic unit, a written report of the results thereof shall be filed in quadruplicate with the clerk of the court before which he was convicted, and such clerk shall cause copies to be delivered to the state's attorney, to counsel for the defendant and to the Court Support Services Division.
- (d) Such report shall include the following: (1) A description of the nature of the examination; (2) a diagnosis of the mental condition of the defendant; (3) an opinion as to whether the diagnosis and prognosis demonstrate clearly that the defendant is actually dangerous to himself or others and requires custody, care and treatment at the [division] hospital; and (4) a recommendation as to whether the defendant should be sentenced in accordance with the conviction, sentenced in accordance with the conviction and confined in the [institute] hospital for custody, care and treatment, placed on probation by the court or placed on probation by the court with the requirement, as a condition to probation, that he receive outpatient psychiatric treatment.
- Sec. 36. Section 17a-567 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - (a) If the report recommends that the defendant be sentenced in accordance with the conviction, placed on probation by the court or placed on probation by the court with the requirement, as a condition of such probation, that he receive outpatient psychiatric treatment, the defendant shall be returned directly to the court for disposition. If the report recommends sentencing in accordance with the conviction and confinement in the [division] hospital for custody, care and treatment, then during the period between the submission of the report and the disposition of the defendant by the court such defendant shall remain at the [division] hospital and may receive such custody, care and treatment as is consistent with his medical needs.

(b) If the report recommends confinement at the [division] <u>hospital</u> for custody, care and treatment, the court shall set the matter for a hearing not later than fifteen days after receipt of the report. Any evidence, including the report ordered by the court, regarding the defendant's mental condition may be introduced at the hearing by either party. Any staff member of the diagnostic unit who participated in the examination of the defendant and who signed the report may testify as to the contents of the report. The defendant may waive the court hearing.

- (c) If at such hearing the court finds the defendant is not in need of custody, care and treatment at the [division] hospital, it shall sentence [him] the defendant in accordance with the conviction or place [him] the defendant on probation. If the court finds that [such person] the <u>defendant</u> is in need of outpatient psychiatric treatment, it may place [him] the defendant on probation on condition that [he] the defendant receive such treatment. If the court finds [such person] the defendant to have psychiatric disabilities and to be dangerous to himself, herself or others and to require custody, care and treatment at the [division] hospital, it shall sentence [him] the defendant in accordance with the conviction and order confinement in the [division] hospital for custody, care and treatment provided no court may order such confinement if the report does not recommend confinement at the [division] hospital. The defendant shall not be subject to custody, care and treatment under sections 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this act, beyond the maximum period specified in the sentence.
- Sec. 37. Section 17a-568 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- Nothing in sections 17a-560 to [17a-576] <u>17a-575</u>, inclusive, <u>as</u> amended by this act, shall affect proceedings under sections 17a-580 to 17a-602, inclusive, 17b-250 and 54-56d.
- Sec. 38. Section 17a-569 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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Not less than once every six months the staff of the [institute] hospital shall give a complete psychiatric examination to every patient confined in the [division] hospital. As used in this section and sections 17a-570 to 17a-573, inclusive, as amended by this act, the word "patient" means any person confined for custody, care and treatment under section 17a-567, as amended by this act. Such examination shall ascertain whether the patient has psychiatric disabilities and is in need of custody, care and treatment at the [division] hospital and, in making such determination, the staff shall assemble such information and follow such procedures as are used in initial examinations by the diagnostic unit to indicate the need for custody, care and treatment. The record of the examination shall include the information required in subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (d) of section 17a-566, as amended by this act, and a recommendation for the future treatment of the patient examined. The record of the examination may include a recommendation for transfer of the patient or change in confinement status.

Sec. 39. Section 17a-570 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) As soon as is practicable, the director of the Whiting Forensic [Division] Hospital shall act upon the examination reports of the director's staff. Upon review of each report and upon consideration of what is for the benefit of the patient and for the benefit of society, the director shall determine whether such patient: (1) Is to remain in the [division] hospital for further treatment, or (2) has sufficiently improved to warrant discharge from the [division] hospital, provided if such patient was sentenced and confined in the [division] hospital under section 17a-567, as amended by this act, such patient shall not be released except upon order of the court by which such patient was confined under said section, after notice to said court by the director. The director shall report each determination made under this subsection to the court by which the patient was confined in the [division] hospital.

(b) If a report submitted by the director to the court under subsection (a) of this section recommends that the patient be returned to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction, the court shall set the matter for a hearing not later than fifteen days after receipt of such report.

(c) The court, upon its own motion or at the request of the patient or the patient's attorney, may at any time hold a hearing to determine whether such patient should be discharged from the [division] hospital prior to the expiration of the maximum period of the patient's sentence. Prior to such hearing, the [division] hospital shall file a report with the court concerning the patient's mental condition. The court may appoint a physician specializing in psychiatry to examine the patient and report to the court. Such hearing shall be held at least once every five years. If the court determines that the patient should be discharged from the [division] hospital, the patient shall be returned to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction.

Sec. 40. Section 17a-572 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

All certificates, applications, records and reports made for the purpose of sections 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this act, and directly or indirectly identifying a person subject to it shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed by any person except so far (1) as the individual identified or his legal guardian, if any, or, if he is a minor, his parent or legal guardian, consents or (2) as disclosure may be necessary to carry out any of the provisions of said sections or (3) as a court may direct upon its determination that disclosure is necessary for the conduct of proceedings before it and that failure to make such disclosure would be contrary to the public interest.

Sec. 41. Section 17a-573 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1073 Within two months prior to the expiration of the maximum term of

1074 confinement authorized for any patient under section 17a-567, as

- amended by this act, the director of the [division] hospital may, upon
- 1076 the recommendation of the board, initiate proceedings under section
- 1077 17a-497 or 17a-520, as amended by this act, for the commitment or
- 1078 further commitment, as the case may be, of the patient.
- Sec. 42. Section 17a-574 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1081 Nothing in sections 17a-560 to [17a-576] <u>17a-575</u>, inclusive, <u>as</u>
- amended by this act, shall be construed to extend to or affect any case
- in the Superior Court involving a juvenile matter, or to any person
- arrested for an offense which is not punishable by imprisonment for
- more than one year or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
- or both or except as provided in section 46b-127.
- Sec. 43. Section 17a-575 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1089 Nothing in sections 17a-560 to [17a-576] <u>17a-575</u>, inclusive, <u>as</u>
- amended by this act, shall be construed to limit or suspend the writ of
- 1091 habeas corpus.
- Sec. 44. Subsection (d) of section 45a-656 of the 2018 supplement to
- the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 1094 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1095 (d) The conservator of the person shall not have the power or
- authority to cause the respondent to be committed to any institution
- 1097 for the treatment of the mentally ill except under the provisions of
- 1098 sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-456 to 17a-484, inclusive, 17a-
- 1099 495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550,
- 1100 inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this
- act, 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and 17a-621 to 17a-664, inclusive, and
- 1102 chapter 359.
- Sec. 45. Subsection (d) of section 45a-656 of the 2018 supplement to
- the general statutes, as amended by section 4 of public act 17-7, is

repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1106 1, 2018):

- 1107 (d) The conservator of the person shall not have the power or 1108 authority to cause the respondent to be committed to any institution 1109 for the treatment of the mentally ill except under the provisions of 1110 sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-456 to 17a-484, inclusive, 17a-1111 495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as amended by this 1112 1113 act, 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and 17a-621 to 17a-664, inclusive, and 1114 chapter 359.
- Sec. 46. Subsection (e) of section 45a-677 of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1118 (e) A plenary guardian or limited guardian shall not have the power 1119 or authority: (1) To cause the protected person to be admitted to any institution for treatment of the mentally ill, except in accordance with 1120 1121 the provisions of sections 17a-75 to 17a-83, inclusive, 17a-456 to 17a-1122 484, inclusive, 17a-495 to 17a-528, inclusive, as amended by this act, 1123 17a-540 to 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to [17a-576] 17a-575, inclusive, as 1124 amended by this act, 17a-615 to 17a-618, inclusive, and 17a-621 to 17a-1125 664, inclusive, and chapter 420b; (2) to cause the protected person to be 1126 admitted to any training school or other facility provided for the care 1127 and training of persons with intellectual disability if there is a conflict 1128 concerning such admission between the guardian and the protected 1129 person or next of kin, except in accordance with the provisions of 1130 sections 17a-274 and 17a-275; (3) to consent on behalf of the protected 1131 person to a sterilization, except in accordance with the provisions of 1132 sections 45a-690 to 45a-700, inclusive; (4) to consent on behalf of the 1133 protected person to psychosurgery, except in accordance with the 1134 provisions of section 17a-543; (5) to consent on behalf of the protected 1135 person to the termination of the protected person's parental rights, except in accordance with the provisions of sections 45a-706 to 45a-709, 1136 1137 inclusive, 45a-715 to 45a-718, inclusive, 45a-724 to 45a-737, inclusive,

1138 and 45a-743 to 45a-757, inclusive; (6) to consent on behalf of the 1139 protected person to the performance of any experimental biomedical 1140 or behavioral medical procedure or participation in any biomedical or 1141 behavioral experiment, unless it (A) is intended to preserve the life or 1142 prevent serious impairment of the physical health of the protected 1143 person, (B) is intended to assist the protected person to regain the 1144 protected person's abilities and has been approved for the protected 1145 person by the court, or (C) has been (i) approved by a recognized 1146 institutional review board, as defined by 45 CFR 46, 21 CFR 50 and 21 1147 CFR 56, as amended from time to time, which is not a part of the 1148 Department of Developmental Services, (ii) endorsed or supported by 1149 the Department of Developmental Services, and (iii) approved for the 1150 protected person by such protected person's primary care physician; 1151 (7) to admit the protected person to any residential facility operated by 1152 an organization by whom such guardian is employed, except in 1153 accordance with the provisions of section 17a-274; (8) to prohibit the 1154 marriage or divorce of the protected person; and (9) to consent on 1155 behalf of the protected person to an abortion or removal of a body organ, except in accordance with applicable statutory procedures 1156 1157 when necessary to preserve the life or prevent serious impairment of 1158 the physical or mental health of the protected person.

Sec. 47. Section 18-101f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

A personnel or medical file or similar file concerning a current or former employee of the Division of Public Defender Services, Department of Correction or the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, including, but not limited to, a record of a security investigation of such employee by the department or division or an investigation by the department or division of a discrimination complaint by or against such employee, shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, to any individual committed to the custody or supervision of the Commissioner of Correction or confined in a facility of the Whiting Forensic [Division of the Connecticut Valley] Hospital. For the

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1172 purposes of this section, an "employee of the Department of

- 1173 Correction" includes a member or employee of the Board of Pardons
- and Paroles within the Department of Correction.
- Sec. 48. Subsection (a) of section 46a-152 of the 2018 supplement to
- the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 1177 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 1178 (a) No provider or assistant may use involuntary physical restraint
- on a person at risk except (1) as an emergency intervention to prevent
- immediate or imminent injury to the person at risk or to others,
- provided the restraint is not used for discipline or convenience and is
- 1182 not used as a substitute for a less restrictive alternative, (2) as
- 1183 necessary and appropriate, as determined on an individual basis by
- the person's treatment team and consistent with sections 17a-540 to
- 1185 17a-550, inclusive, for the transportation of a person under the
- 1186 jurisdiction of the Whiting Forensic [Division] <u>Hospital</u> of the
- 1187 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- 1188 Sec. 49. Subsection (a) of section 12-19a of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 1190 *passage*):
- 1191 (a) Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, on or before
- 1192 January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
- 1193 Management shall determine the amount due, as a state grant in lieu of
- taxes, to each town in this state wherein state-owned real property,
- 1195 reservation land held in trust by the state for an Indian tribe, a
- 1196 municipally owned airport, or any airport owned by the Connecticut
- 1197 Airport Authority, other than Bradley International Airport, except
- that which was acquired and used for highways and bridges, but not
- 1199 excepting property acquired and used for highway administration or
- 1200 maintenance purposes, is located. The grant payable to any town
- under the provisions of this section in the state fiscal year commencing
- 1202 July 1, 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to the total of
- 1203 (1) (A) one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have
- been paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner

1205 of Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a 1206 correctional facility administered under the auspices of the 1207 Department of Correction or a juvenile detention center under direction of the Department of Children and Families that was used for 1208 1209 incarcerative purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list 1210 containing the name and location of such designated facilities and 1211 information concerning their use for purposes of incarceration during 1212 the preceding fiscal year is not available from the Secretary of the State 1213 on the first day of August of any year, said commissioner shall, on said 1214 first day of August, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and 1215 Management a list containing such information, (B) one hundred per 1216 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to 1217 that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The University of 1218 Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as a permanent 1219 medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the Department of 1220 Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as designating 1221 any portion of The University of Connecticut Health Center John 1222 Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility, and (C) in the state fiscal 1223 year commencing July 1, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, one 1224 hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid 1225 on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and 1226 taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket 1227 Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999, (2) subject to the 1228 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, sixty-five per cent of the 1229 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to the 1230 buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley Hospital and 1231 Whiting Forensic Hospital in Middletown. Such grant shall commence 1232 with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and continuing each year 1233 thereafter, (3) notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) 1234 of this section, with respect to any town in which more than fifty per 1235 cent of the property is state-owned real property, one hundred per cent 1236 of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to such 1237 state-owned property. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year 1238 beginning July 1, 1997, and continuing each year thereafter, (4) subject 1239 to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, forty-five per cent of

1240 the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to all 1241 other state-owned real property, (5) forty-five per cent of the property 1242 taxes which would have been paid with respect to all municipally 1243 owned airports or any airport owned by the Connecticut Airport 1244 Authority, other than Bradley International Airport, except for the 1245 exemption applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such 1246 town for the assessment date two years prior to the commencement of 1247 the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable. The grant provided 1248 pursuant to this section for any municipally owned airport or any 1249 airport owned by the Connecticut Airport Authority, other than 1250 Bradley International Airport, shall be paid to any municipality in 1251 which the airport is located, except that the grant applicable to 1252 Sikorsky Airport shall be paid half to the town of Stratford and half to 1253 the city of Bridgeport, and (6) forty-five per cent of the property taxes 1254 which would have been paid with respect to any land designated 1255 within the 1983 Settlement boundary and taken into trust by the 1256 federal government for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior 1257 to June 8, 1999, or taken into trust by the federal government for the 1258 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, provided (A) the real 1259 property subject to this subdivision shall be the land only, and shall 1260 not include the assessed value of any structures, buildings or other 1261 improvements on such land, and (B) said forty-five per cent grant shall 1262 be phased in as follows: (i) In the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012, 1263 an amount equal to ten per cent of said forty-five per cent grant, (ii) in 1264 the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, thirty-five per cent of said 1265 forty-five per cent grant, (iii) in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1266 2014, sixty per cent of said forty-five per cent grant, (iv) in the fiscal 1267 year commencing July 1, 2015, eighty-five per cent of said forty-five 1268 per cent grant, and (v) in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, one 1269 hundred per cent of said forty-five per cent grant.

Sec. 50. Subparagraph (D) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 12-18b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1273 (D) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 12-19a,

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sixty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid with respect to the buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley Hospital and Whiting Forensic Hospital in Middletown;

Sec. 51. Sections 17a-451b, 17a-560a and 17a-576 of the general statutes and section 20-185n of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act sha	ll take effect as follows an	d shall amend the following		
sections:				
Section 1	from passage	New section		
Sec. 2	from passage	19a-490(a)		
Sec. 3	from passage	1-210(b)(18)		
Sec. 4	from passage	1-210(c)		
Sec. 5	from passage	5-145a		
Sec. 6	from passage	5-173		
Sec. 7	from passage	5-192f(d)		
Sec. 8	from passage	17a-450(b)		
Sec. 9	from passage	17a-450(c)(3)		
Sec. 10	from passage	17a-450a(a)		
Sec. 11	from passage	17a-458(c)		
Sec. 12	from passage	17a-470		
Sec. 13	from passage	17a-471a		
Sec. 14	from passage	17a-472		
Sec. 15	from passage	17a-495		
Sec. 16	from passage	17a-496		
Sec. 17	from passage	17a-497(b)		
Sec. 18	from passage	17a-498(g)		
Sec. 19	from passage	17a-499		
Sec. 20	from passage	17a-500(a)		
Sec. 21	from passage	17a-501		
Sec. 22	from passage	17a-504		
Sec. 23	from passage	17a-505		
Sec. 24	from passage	17a-517		
Sec. 25	from passage	17a-519		
Sec. 26	from passage	17a-521		
Sec. 27	from passage	17a-525		
Sec. 28	from passage	17a-528(a)		
Sec. 29	from passage	17a-548(a)		

Sec. 30	from passage	17a-560
Sec. 31	from passage	17a-561
Sec. 32	from passage	17a-562
Sec. 33	from passage	17a-564
Sec. 34	from passage	17a-565
Sec. 35	from passage	17a-566
Sec. 36	from passage	17a-567
Sec. 37	from passage	17a-568
Sec. 38	from passage	17a-569
Sec. 39	from passage	17a-570
Sec. 40	from passage	17a-572
Sec. 41	from passage	17a-573
Sec. 42	from passage	17a-574
Sec. 43	from passage	17a-575
Sec. 44	from passage	45a-656(d)
Sec. 45	July 1, 2018	45a-656(d)
Sec. 46	from passage	45a-677(e)
Sec. 47	from passage	18-101f
Sec. 48	from passage	46a-152(a)
Sec. 49	from passage	12-19a(a)
Sec. 50	from passage	12-18b(b)(1)(D)
Sec. 51	from passage	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 15, revisions to Subsecs. (c) and (d) were added for consistency with standard drafting conventions and other provisions of the bill.

PH Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 19 \$	FY 20 \$
Mental Health & Addiction Serv., Dept.	GF - Cost	1 million	3.1 million
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	363,300	1.1 million

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes conforming statutory changes to Executive Order No. 63, which designated the Whiting Forensic Division of Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH) as a separate entity from CVH, effective 12/31/2017. DMHAS will experience a cost to support necessary staff at the new Whiting Forensic Hospital as well as CVH to ensure the institutions are separate and distinct entities. Based on an initial evaluation, the anticipated cost to support thirty employees (including Behavioral Health Clinical Managers, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, and pharmacy staff) is approximately \$1 million in FY 19 and \$3.1 million in FY 20 when fully annualized (with associated fringe costs of \$363,300 in FY 19 and \$1.1 million in FY 20).

The bill also establishes a task force to review and evaluate the duties and operations of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and requires a final report by January 1, 2020, which has no fiscal impact as agency participants have the ability

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 36.33% of payroll in FY 19 and FY 20.

to meet the provisions of the bill.

The bill makes other changes that have no fiscal impact as they are conforming and technical in nature.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis sSB 406

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL AND WHITING FORENSIC HOSPITAL.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a seven-member task force to review and evaluate the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' (DMHAS) duties and operations, including those related to Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH) and Whiting Forensic Hospital. It requires the task force to submit to the Public Health Committee a preliminary report by January 1, 2019 and a final report by January 1, 2020.

Additionally, the bill makes minor, technical, and conforming changes in various statutes to reflect Whiting Forensic Hospital's separation from CVH, pursuant to 2017 Executive Order 63. As under current law, Whiting Forensic Hospital remains under DMHAS control and supervision. But the bill subjects it to Department of Public Health (DPH) licensure and regulation, which it is currently exempt from.

By law, Whiting Forensic Hospital, under maximum security conditions, generally provides care for patients with psychiatric issues, some of whom have been convicted of serious offenses or were found incompetent to stand trial.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except for a technical change (§ 45), which takes effect July 1, 2018.

§ 1 — DMHAS TASK FORCE

Membership

The bill establishes a seven-member task force to review and

evaluate DMHAS's duties and operations, including the operations, conditions, and finances of CVH and Whiting Forensic Hospital. Task force members include:

- 1. two members appointed by the House speaker, (a) one of whom must hold a doctor of nursing science or practice degree and have experience caring for veterans and (b) one of whom must be a former or current union member with a background in nursing and legislative experience;
- 2. one member appointed by the Senate president pro tempore who must be a UConn-affiliated forensic psychiatrist;
- 3. one member appointed by the House majority leader, who must be a former or current administrator of a hospital with at least 200 beds;
- 4. one member appointed by the Senate majority leader, who must be a patient advocate or a representative of a nonprofit organization that provides behavioral health services;
- 5. one member appointed by the House minority leader, who must be a former DMHAS or DPH commissioner or deputy commissioner; and
- 6. one member appointed by the Senate minority leader, who must have experience in law enforcement, corrections, or working in a secured facility.

The appointing authorities must make all appointments no later than 30 days after the bill's passage and fill any vacancies. Any task force member may be a legislator.

The bill requires the chairperson to be selected from among the task force members (it does not specify who makes the selection). The chairperson must schedule the first meeting no later than 60 days after the bill's passage. The Public Health Committee's administrative staff must serve as the task force's administrative staff.

Report

The bill requires the task force to submit to the Public Health Committee a (1) preliminary report on its findings and recommendations by January 1, 2019 and (2) final report by January 1, 2020. The task force terminates on the date it submits the final report or January 1, 2020, whichever is later.

§§ 2-50 — WHITING FORENSIC HOSPITAL

In December 2017, the governor issued Executive Order 63, which designated Whiting Forensic Hospital as an independent division within DMHAS, instead of a division of CVH. The bill effectuates the executive order by making various minor, technical, and conforming changes to reflect the hospital's separation from CVH.

As under current law, Whiting Forensic Hospital remains under DMHAS administrative control and supervision. But the bill subjects it to DPH regulation by adding Whiting Forensic Hospital to the statutory definition of health care "institution." In doing so, the bill subjects Whiting Forensic Hospital to DPH hospital licensure, inspection, and complaint investigation requirements. Under current law, state psychiatric hospitals are not licensed and are exempt from DPH regulation.

DMHAS Control (§ 14)

The bill requires the director of Whiting Forensic Hospital to report to the DMHAS commissioner, instead of CVH's director of forensic services.

Searches of Patients' Personal Belongings (§ 29)

Current law prohibits Whiting Forensic Hospital patients from being present when their personal belongings are searched. The bill limits this prohibition to only patients in the hospital's maximum security service, and not those in other units.

§ 51 — REPEALERS

The bill repeals obsolete provisions:

1. requiring DMHAS to complete a program at CVH to consolidate inpatient mental and substance abuse services (CGS § 17a-451b);

- 2. substituting "Whiting Forensic Institute" for "Whiting Forensic Division" in various statutes (CGS § 17a-560a);
- 3. establishing an effective date for statutes on the evaluation and treatment of certain individuals with psychiatric disabilities who commit crimes (CGS § 17a-576); and
- 4. establishing a behavior analyst licensing fee expense account within the General Fund to contain behavior analyst license fees to cover necessary DPH staff and equipment costs to collect the fees (DPH now funds the licensure program through its General Fund appropriation and no longer needs a dedicated account) (CGS § 20-185n).

BACKGROUND

Related Bills

sSB 16, favorably reported by the Public Health Committee, also subjects Whiting Forensic Hospital to DPH licensure and regulation and makes similar statutory changes to effectuate the hospital's separation from CVH.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/26/2018)